Garland Fire News Release



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Sherwin-Williams Fire and Cleanup

The City of Garland, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Sherwin-Williams are continuing cleanup efforts related to the August 7 plant fire.

During the efforts to contain the fire and manage immediate life safety priorities, foam retardant from the Sherwin-Williams fire suppression system entered the sewers and surrounding creeks. A map showing the affected creeks is now available on the EPA's incident website.

TCEQ, the EPA, the City and Sherwin-Williams are working to remediate any issues caused by water runoff and remove any remaining foam. While some dead fish have been observed in the impacted creeks, no major impacts to public health have been identified at this time. The public is advised to not fish or have contact with these creeks while contaminant testing and cleanup activities continue.

If any hazards are identified, residents in the affected area will be immediately notified. To register for the Garland Alert System, visit <u>GarlandTX.gov</u>.

<u>The EPA's incident website</u> also lists detailed information about air quality testing, which included the EPA's ASPECT aircraft fly-over monitoring. All test results have shown safe levels for air quality.